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Scholarship Guidelines

Josephine Spaull Performing Arts (JSPA) Scholarship

A Zonta Club of Bunbury Program, made possible by the legacy of Charter Member Josephine Spaull OAM (deceased).

About Josephine Spaull OAM

Josephine Spaull was a ballet dancer, teacher and examiner who was a Charter Member of the Zonta Clubs of Darling Range and Bunbury. Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy and is non-sectarian and non-partisan. (See www.zonta.org for more information about Zonta). Josephine was a dedicated member of Zonta International for 35 years.

Josephine came to Perth from England in 1960, after a successful career working with the Royal Shakespeare Co, Ballet Rambert, the old Vic and Drury Lane. In Perth, she continued to teach ballet as well as regularly tour many rural towns to teach country children.

Josephine was a founding member of WA Academy of Performing Arts and also Ausdance in Western Australia. She was awarded a Lifetime Achievement from Ausdance in 2011 and in the same year she was inducted into the Western Australian Women's Hall of Fame.

After moving to Bridgetown in 1985 Josephine continued to teach ballet, and examine for the Cecchetti Society, nationally and internationally.

In 2012 Josephine was recognised in the Australia Day Honours list with an Order of Australia Medal for her outstanding and meritorious services to the performing arts, especially dance.

General Information

The goal of the **Josephine Spaull Performing Arts Scholarship** is to assist female performing arts students to advance their careers and to recognise their commitment to their particular form of the performing arts. Applicants will be required to provide evidence of achievement in their field and a dedication to progressing their knowledge, skills and expertise.

The major types of performing arts include a range of disciplines such as music, opera, dance, drama, and spoken words performed in front of an audience.

The Scholarship

An amount of $2,000 for a specific purpose/s will be granted to one recipient. Although the scholarship is essentially merit-based, special consideration may be given to those who can demonstrate financial need.

Who is Eligible?

Females, studying at a secondary school, college or university or alternatively receiving private tuition at a recognised/registered performing arts centre/school in the South West region of Western Australia, or who are studying elsewhere but are citizens of this region, and demonstrate evidence of the following, are eligible to apply:

- ❑ Active commitment to a specific form of the performing arts
- ❑ Personal achievements in the performing arts area
- ❑ Plans to pursue a career in the performing arts
- ❑ Community involvement in the performing arts

Club members of Zonta Club of Bunbury (partners, descendants, adoptees, siblings, nieces or cousins, and those of their spouse or co-habiting partner), are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Note: Applicants who have received this award previously are not eligible to reapply for the scholarship.

How to Apply

Complete an official application from the Zonta Club of Bunbury website - https://www.bunburyzonta.org.au . Please note that only typed applications will be accepted and considered. The following documents are to be submitted in the application package.

Application Requirements

1. Completion of the official application (to be downloaded from the Zonta Club of Bunbury website – website address above
2. Verification of current enrolment by performing arts school/institute/college/university official
3. Name and contact details of two adult referees, not related to the applicant: one from a performing arts teacher, and another from a school/college/university official or community leader.

Supporting documentation not requested will not be considered. All applications and supporting information become the property of the Zonta Club of Bunbury. Zonta Club of Bunbury has final authority over any aspect of the Awards.

Application process

The Zonta Club of Bunbury must receive all application materials by the printed deadline.

At the completion of their scholarship, recipients will be invited to attend a Zonta meeting and report on their progress and share how they have used the scholarship.

How may the Award Funds be used?

1. Award funds may only be used for tuition, fees, materials (books, supplies and equipment for required courses) or attendance at workshops and seminars that will further the recipient's development or career in performing arts.
2. Recipients are not permitted to defer the JSPA Scholarship.
3. Recipients may accept additional grants and awards from other sources.

Acquittal of Funds

Recipients of scholarship funds will be required to submit a brief evaluation and acquittal form when funds have been expended or within 12 months of receiving the funds.

Timetable & Contact

Application posted on the Zonta Club of Bunbury website https://www.bunburyzonta.org.au …….. 01/11/2026
Applications deadline to the Zonta Club of Bunbury 18/01/2027
Applicants are informed of outcome……..18/02/2027
Presentation of award to successful applicant at Zonta Club of Bunbury's International Women's Day Breakfast ……07/03/2027

Email Contact: zontabunbury@yahoo.com.au

Please note:
Receipt of applications will be acknowledged. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within three days of submitting your application, please advise Zonta Bunbury by email: zontabunbury@yahoo.com.au

As the deadline for applications is during the Summer holidays when schools are closed, it is advisable to follow up your school verification letter and referees before the end of the school year.